



Senate Committee on Health Care
Subcommittee on Human Services
900 Court St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support of SB 1538: Dental Coverage for COFA

February 7, 2022

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

The Oregon Dental Association (ODA), representing over 2,100 dentists across the state, fully supports SB 1538. SB 1538 would provide dental coverage to low-income citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association who reside in Oregon.

We believe that every Oregonian deserves access to quality affordable oral health care. Extending dental coverage to this population is fair, equitable, and necessary. We have supported this policy for many years and believe now is the time to ensure this population receives access to critical dental care. We look forward to working with legislators and partners to find funding for this population to ensure dental coverage.

ODA encourages your support of Senate Bill 1538.

Sincerely,

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Calie Roa, DMD

President, Oregon Dental Association